

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-23. (canceled)

24. (currently amended) An apparatus for connecting an implement to a prime mover, the apparatus including;

a connector that is mountable on the prime mover, and has at least one recess for receiving a connecting pin mounted on the implement, and

retaining means provided to, in use, hold the implement on the connector,

the connector being adapted for use with a retaining pin having a head portion and a substantially cylindrical tail portion, and

the connector having a cylindrical passage ~~adjacent to~~ immediately adjacent a mouth of the at least one recess, the passage being sized to receive the tail portion of the retaining pin ~~only~~ and not the head portion of the retaining pin, and the passage being located such that when in use, with a connecting pin received in the at least one recess, and with a ~~the~~ retaining pin ~~is~~ received in the passage with its head portion ~~adjacent~~ substantially abutting the connecting pin, the head portion of

the retaining pin prevents the connecting pin from exiting the at least one recess.

25. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the connector is configured for use with a retaining pin having a head portion that is partially cutaway or offset from the centerline of the tail portion of the pin, and the passage is located such that when a connecting pin of the implement is within the at least one recess the retaining pin can only be installed into the passage from the recess end of the passage when the cutaway part of the head of the retaining pin faces the connecting pin.

26. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the connector is configured for use with a retaining pin having a head portion that is configured such that when the retaining pin is rotated within the passage the clearance between the head of the retaining pin and the connecting pin can be reduced.

27. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the connector is configured for use with a retaining pin having a head portion that is configured such that when the retaining pin is rotated within the passage the clearance between the head of the retaining pin and the connecting pin can be reduced.

28. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the connector has a first and a second recess,

each recess being configured to receive a connecting pin mounted on the implement, the retaining means being adapted to secure a first connecting pin of the implement within the first recess of the connector, and the second recess being adapted for use with the retaining pin.

29. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 25, wherein the connector has a first and a second recess, each recess being configured to receive a connecting pin mounted on the implement, the retaining means being adapted to secure a first connecting pin of the implement within the first recess of the connector, and the second recess being adapted for use with the retaining pin.

30. (currently amended) An apparatus for connecting an implement to a prime mover, the apparatus comprising;

a connector that is mountable on the prime mover, and has at least one recess for receiving a connecting pin mounted on the implement,

retaining means provided to, in use, hold the implement on the connector, and

a retaining ~~pin~~ member that is configured to slide between an extended position in which the retaining member prevents the connecting pin from exiting the recess and a retracted position in which the retaining member allows the connecting pin to exit the recess, the retaining ~~pin~~ member being biased toward the extended position by a biasing means, the

retaining ~~pin~~ member being positioned and aligned such that, when in use, as a connecting pin of the implement enters the at least one recess the retaining ~~pin~~ member is pushed by the connecting pin toward the retracted position, and when the connecting pin is fully home within the recess the retaining ~~pin~~ member ~~can move~~ is moved to, and held in, the extended position by the biasing means, and ~~once the connecting pin is fully home within the recess~~ the connecting pin is ~~no longer~~ not able to push the retaining ~~pin~~ member toward the retracted position.

31. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the apparatus further includes an actuator adapted to selectively move the retaining ~~pin~~ member ~~can be moved~~ to the retracted position ~~by a ram~~.

32. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the connector has a first recess and a second recess, each recess being configured to receive a connecting pin mounted on the implement, the retaining means being adapted to secure a first connecting pin of the implement within the first recess of the connector, and the retaining pin being adapted to secure a second connecting ~~[[pin]]~~ member of the implement within the second recess of the connector.

33. (new) The apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the apparatus further includes a retaining pin having a head portion and a tail portion, the tail portion being sized to fit

in the cylindrical passage and the head portion being too large to fit in the cylindrical passage.

34. (new) The apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the head portion of the retaining pin is offset from a centerline of the tail portion of the retaining pin.

35. (new) A connector for connecting an implement to a prime mover, the connector being mountable on the prime mover, the connector having at least one recess for receiving a connecting pin mounted on the implement, and retaining means provided to, in use, hold the implement on the connector, and wherein the connector further includes at least one latching means,

the latching means having a retaining member which is supported by, and is slidably mounted on, the connector and which is slidable between an extended position in which the retaining member can prevent the connecting pin from exiting the recess, and a retracted position in which the retaining member allows the connecting pin to exit the recess, the latching means also having a biasing means which is adapted to bias the retaining member toward the extended position, and

the slidably mounted retaining member is positioned and aligned such that, when in use, the retaining member can be pushed toward the retracted position by the connecting pin as the connecting pin enters the at least one recess, the retaining member can be moved back to the extended position by the biasing

means once the connecting pin is fully home within the at least one recess, and once fully home the connecting pin is held within the at least one recess by the retaining member and is not able to push the retaining member toward the retracted position.

36. (new) The connector according to claim 35, wherein the connector has a first and a second recess, each recess being configured to receive a connecting pin mounted on the implement, the retaining means being adapted to secure a first connecting pin of the implement within the first recess of the connector, and the latching means being adapted to secure a second connecting pin of the implement within the second recess of the connector.

37. (new) The connector according to claim 35, wherein the retaining member includes a locking pin.

38. (new) The connector according to claim 35, wherein the biasing means includes a spring.

39. (new) The connector according to claim 35, wherein the latching means further includes an actuator which is adapted to selectively move the retaining member to the retracted position.

40. (new) The connector according to claim 39, wherein the actuator is a ram.